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SUBJ: SOVIET AMBASSADOR SPEAKS ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 22 CARRIES THE TEXTS OF SPEECHES MADE AT CEREMONIES IN WARSAW MARKING THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY. IN THE COURSE OF HIS SPEECH, SOVIET AMBASSADOR STANISLAW PILOTOWICZ SAID THAT WORLD ATTENTION UNDERSTANDABLY WAS RIVETED ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS A CLEAR POSITION ON STRATEGIC-ARMS LIMITATION. THE USSR FAVORS RAPID AGREEMENT WITH THE US, BASED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT. PILOTOWICZ SAID, "THE ATTEMPT TO CANCEL THE POSITIVE DECISIONS OF PAST YEARS MUST STIR THE DISTRUST OF ALL HONEST PEOPLE". HE ASKED HOW THERE COULD BE TALK OF STABILITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IF "EVERY NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION RENOUNCES THE BASIC COMMITMENTS MADE BY ITS PREDECESSORS" AND IF THE UNITED STATES STRENGTHENS ITS NUCLEAR POTENTIAL WHILE DEMANDING WHAT AMOUNTS TO A ONE-SIDED REDUCTION
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OF SOVIET STRATEGIC WEAPONS. PILOTOWICZ CONCLUDED THAT SOVIET CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CHANGE IN THE LEAST THE GENERAL SOVIET DESIRE FOR "GOOD OR, EVEN BETTER, FRIENDLY RELATIONS". "THIS DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE SOVIET UNION ALONE" HE ADDED. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, HE CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND SAID HISTORY PROVES THAT PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ARE NOT SELF-CREATING, BUT DEMAND

EFFORT AND THE GOOD WILL OF ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

2. IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, POLISH VICE PREMIER JAN SZYDLAK DECLARED POLAND'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE KEY QUESTION OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID POLAND BELIEVES "REALISM WILL WIN OVER SUBJECTIVISM AND, IN ACCORD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC OPINION, FURTHER PROGRESS WILL BE MADE IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS WELL AS IN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE PROCESSES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

3. COMMENT: WE ARE STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS FIGURE SO PROMINENTLY IN SPEECHES IN WARSAW DEVOTED TO POLISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. PILOTOWICZ GOES TO UNUSUAL LENGTHS TO ASSURE HIS POLISH AUDIENCE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WANTS A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. IN DOING SO, HE ACCORDS UNUSUAL PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO POPULAR POLISH ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES FOR PROGRESS IN THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR. AN ADDITIONAL EXPRESSION OF THE POLISH DESIRE FOR IMPROVED US-SOVIET RELATIONS APPEARS IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 22, IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE'S RECENT TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE. THE REPORT SAYS THE VANCE-DOBRYNIN TALKS WERE "IMBUED WITH OPTIMISM" AND QUOTES THE AMERICAN PRESS AS PREDICTING THAT THE GENEVA TALKS WILL "OPEN PERSPECTIVES" FOR REACHING A SALT AGREEMENT BY AUTUMN. END COMMENT.

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